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Transportation and Communications Committee  
of the  
Southern California Association of Governments  
February 7, 2008

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*Minutes*

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AN AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Transportation and Communications Committee held its meeting at the SCAG office in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Alan Wapner, Chair. There was a quorum.

**Members Present**

Aldinger, Jim	Manhattan Beach
Baldwin, Harry	San Gabriel
Beauman, John	Brea
Becerra, Glen	Simi Valley
Bone, Lou	Tustin
Brown, Art	Buena Park
Buckley, Thomas	Lake Elsinore
Burke, Yvonne	Los Angeles County
Carroll, Stan	La Habra Heights
Chastain, Kelly	SANBAG
Chlebnik, John	WRCOG
Daniels, Gene	Paramount
Dixon, Richard	Lake Forest
Dunlap, Judy	Inglewood
Edgar, Troy	Los Alamitos
Gabelich, Rae	Long Beach
Garcia, Lee Ann	Grand Terrace
Glancy, Thomas	VCOG
Green, Cathy	OCCOG
Gross, Carol	Culver City
Gurule, Frank	Cudahy
Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods
Hahn, Janice	City of Los Angeles
Hernandez, Robert	Anaheim
Leon, Paul	SANBAG
Lowe, Robin	Hemet/ RCTC
Lowenthal, Bonnie	Long Beach
Martinez, Sharon	SGVCOG
McLean, Marsha	North L.A. County
Messina, Barbara	Alhambra
Millhouse, Keith	Moorpark
Mills, Leroy	Cypress
Ovitt, Gary	San Bernardino County
Quirk, Sharon	Fullerton

**Members Present (continued)**

Roberts, Ron  
Rutherford, Mark  
Spence, David  
Stone, Jeffrey  
Sykes, Tom  
Ten, Mike – **Vice Chair**  
Wapner, Alan - **Chair**  
Wilson, Michael

Temecula  
Las Virgenes/Malibu COG  
Arroyo Verdugo COG  
Riverside County  
Walnut  
South Pasadena  
Ontario  
CVAG

**Members Not Present**

Adams, Steve  
Ayala, Luis  
Dale, Lawrence  
Diels, Steve  
Flickinger, Bonnie  
Glaab, Paul  
Masiel, Andrew  
Nuaimi, Mark  
O'Connor, Pam  
Parks, Bernard  
Pettis, Gregory  
Smith, Greig

Riverside, WRCOG  
SGVCOG  
Barstow  
Redondo Beach  
Moreno Valley  
City of Laguna Niguel  
Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians  
SANBAG  
Santa Monica  
Los Angeles  
Cathedral City  
Los Angeles

**New Members Present****New Members Not Present****Voting Members, Non Elected Officials**

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE**

The Hon. Alan Wapner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Hon. Ron Everett, Mayor Pro Tem, Diamond Bar addressed the TCC regarding the 2008 Draft RTP. He stated that the City of Diamond Bar is very concerned that the draft RTP gives the impression that trucks will be concentrated on the SR-60, producing considerable impact on Diamond Bar and the other cities along the SR-60 corridor. The environmental studies of the truck lanes, two in each direction, on the 710 freeway from the ports to the SR-60 have begun. Given the proposed termination of this project at SR-60, Diamond Bar must conclude that the SR-60 will be heavily impacted.

The City of Diamond Bar is requesting clarification on the 57/60 improvements envisioned that are included in the RTP. Diamond Bar is concerned that the truck lanes that have been referenced may not best serve the motoring public. Diamond Bar would like to be directed to the study that is referenced in the RTP regarding corridor activity. Diamond Bar would also like to request that the east/west corridor be more closely analyzed.

Diamond Bar believes that any plans to direct truck traffic under the SR-60 will increase health and safety issues. Adding significant truck traffic to this area is expected to impact Diamond Bar's air quality, noise, and safety. Diamond Bar would like to make certain that the SR-60 improvements include provisions in the final RTP for mobility of people and goods movement. Diamond Bar also requests that an update in the Draft RTP Environmental Impact Report assure that all possible options that may emerge from the 57/60 feasibility study, that is currently underway, be incorporated for the best improvement options and implemented without delay. Diamond Bar also requests that there be analysis of the multiple options east/west corridor for goods and traffic and also that the review of the termination of the 710 truck lanes that is in the RTP terminates at the SR-60, be considered for extension so the truck traffic can be distributed onto the other east/west corridors.

SCAG staff will provide the City of Diamond Bar with the technical information documented in the Draft RTP.

### **3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

A motion was made (Bone) to APPROVE the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Gross) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

### **5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

#### **5.1 Proposition 1B Goods Movement Funds: Increasing Regional Share**

Mannik Sakayan, SCAG, stated that staff had prepared a letter to Governor Schwarzenegger and state lawmakers requesting an increased regional share of the Proposition 1B goods movement funds. Staff believes that as it stands today the CTC approved between 1.5 and 1.7 billion dollars in their guidelines for the SCAG region. SCAG does not believe this accurately reflects the impact of goods movement for the region. This is about 56% of the total \$3 billion whereas, the SCAG region bears the brunt of over 80% of the goods movement cargo into the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports.

Staff requests that the TCC authorize SCAG to send the letter from the region to the Governor and lawmakers to increase Proposition 1B funds for the region.

Motion was made (Brown) to authorize the letter from the region to the Governor and lawmakers to increase Proposition 1B funds for the region. Motion was SECONDED (Stone) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Hon. Janice Hann, City of Los Angeles, stated that a lot of the Proposition 1B funds were meant to be allocated to environmental mitigation. Goods movement is not just about moving goods across the region, it is also about air quality. This may not be the only reason as to why it might be important for the State to allocate the SCAG region its fair share of funds.

## 5.2 Discuss the Need for Each TCC Task Force and Sub-Committee

Hon. Carol Gross, Culver City, stated that it would be beneficial for staff to inform the TCC of the resources that each task force and sub-committee requires from SCAG in terms of allocation of staff time and financial cost. Staff responded that there are some task forces meet monthly and some meet bi-monthly and/or quarterly. At the next meeting of the TCC, staff will bring back to the committee what the staff requirements are for each task force.

Hon. Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace, stated that it would be beneficial for staff to recommend what technical advisory committees supports SCAG's role in the region. Mrs. Garcia stated that from the local areas the COG's like giving their input because this enables the sub-regions and staff to get on the same page so when the electeds get together there can be policy discussion.

Naresh Amatya, SCAG, stated that there are a couple of task forces that are required under the MOU between SCAG and transit operators. There is a Transit Technical Advisory Committee that serves the purpose of bringing the transit operators together. The Plans and Programs Technical Advisory Committee (P&P TAC) is meant to be a forum for the key stakeholders, transportation commissions, Caltrans, and the sub-regions. As the new RTP cycle starts up, staff will come back to the TCC with specific recommendations on how to reconstitute the P&P TAC. There are currently four task forces under the TCC which are Goods Movement, Maglev, Aviation, and Transportation Finance. These have been on-going task forces that been in existence for years. Staff believes a more effective way to utilize a task force is on a need by need basis.

Hon. Lee Ann Garcia requested that staff give the electeds a 60-day window on meeting notification.

Rich Macias, SCAG, clarified that staff is trying to examine the need of the task forces and sub-committees to put a higher value on the TCC's opinion. Staff wants to eliminate the unnecessary task forces so that the TCC can spend more time with decision making issues. SCAG wants the TCC to decide what issues and reasons staff needs to develop an ad-hoc committee. There will then be a sunset limit on the committee once the issue is resolved. In the past, SCAG has had task forces that perpetuate themselves. SCAG prepares agendas just so the committee can meet, this creates more staff work.

Hon. Carol Gross, Culver City, commented that some of the committees underscore and support all that the region does. Some of the other committees are more special interest, as they relate to one particular area or issue.

Hon. Alan Wapner clarified for the committee that they were only reviewing the committees that related to the TCC. The committees are as follows: Aviation, Goods Movement, Maglev, Transportation Finance, Aviation Technical Advisory Committee, Plans & Programs Technical Advisory Committee, and the Southwest Alliance.

Hon. Lou Bone, Tustin, stated that he and some other electeds on the Goods Movement, Aviation, and Maglev task forces felt that these three committees could possibly be consolidated and be more effective if they work together to move in one direction. Hon. Alan Wapner, Chair, stated that he felt that since the RTP process was coming to the next point in the cycle, review of the projects in the strategic plan, he would like to retain the committees that deal with the issues that are in the strategic plan. The Transportation Finance Committee would play an important role in studying the congestion pricing and finding out how the pricing can be implemented. Chair Wapner stated that he was in support of consolidating Goods Movement, Aviation, and High Speed Rail (Maglev) together but he was not sure about including the Aviation Task Force (ATF) as a result of the demise of SCRAA. The ATF may have to step up and take over the role of SCRAA. Chair Wapner also stated that it was crucial that the region's stakeholders participate in the committee meetings.

Hon. Sharon Quirk, Fullerton, stated that the electeds needed clear information provided to them on how they would get access to joining the committees, what their role expectations would be, and what the commitment of the committee is. Hon. Alan Wapner responded that the purpose of the TCC's sub-committees was to provide policy direction to the TCC so it can make recommendations to the Regional Council. Transportation is such a huge issue in the region and that with such a large committee as the TCC, the body can not get into the details of the many areas of the region's transportation issues and needs.

It was noted that in the near future SCAG would be setting up satellite offices in each of the counties in the region. The offices will provide access to teleconferencing into the sub-committee meetings. This will make it easier for electeds to participate in committee meetings without commuting to SCAG's L.A. office. Staff also plans on improving the scheduling of the task forces a year in advance. This will give the electeds ample time to arrange their calendars.

Chair Wapner stated that agenda item 5.2 would be brought back for action at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and requested that staff provide information to the TCC members, via e-mail, on the staff resources that are necessary as a vehicle for the sub-committees. Chair Wapner suggest that a temporary 30-day sub-committee be formed to go through the task force information and that the committee bring back recommendations to the TCC at the March meeting. Chair Wapner asked for volunteers. Volunteers were as follows: Hon. Art Brown, Hon. Ron Roberts, Hon. Keith Millhouse, Hon. Lee Ann Garcia, Hon. John Chelbnik, Hon. Barbara Messina, Hon. John Beaman, and Hon. Lou Bone.

## **6.0 AVIATION TASK FORCE REPORT**

Hon. Gary Ovitt reported that SCRAA had been dissolved. SCRAA's consultant is looking into what would be the best vehicle to carry ground access and regionalization forward.

## **7.0 MAGLEV TASK FORCE REPORT**

Hon. Lou Bone reported that on an operating segment the JPA was signed by Los Angeles, Ontario, and West Covina.

## 8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

### 8.1 Update on the Draft 2008 RTP

Naresh Amatya, SCAG, reported that a letter had been sent out to four sponsors of the major projects in the RTP requesting that they provide SCAG with additional finance and backup material. Staff has received written responses from three of the sponsors. The High Desert Corridor sponsor has not submitted anything in writing, but staff has been verbally in-touch with the corridor staff and has the information that has been utilized to determine to list the High Desert Corridor in the draft RTP.

With regards to CETAP, an MIS has been completed between Riverside and Orange County. The MIS puts fourth a locally preferred strategy which includes evaluation of additional capacity parallel to SR-91. There is currently a \$15.8 million federal earmark for additional feasibility and technical studies. RCTC has committed \$370 million of their Measure A, as well as \$200 million of their Transportation Mitigation Fee for funding the CETAP corridors.

SCAG has received documentation identifying the Orangeline's milestone reports that have been completed to date. An estimated \$1.5 million has been expended thus far in preliminary engineering and financial planning work. There is a \$1 million commitment from both the public and private partnership consortium that established the JPA for the Orangeline. There is an issue with the Orangeline which is the OCTA Board has taken an action to not allow the use of the right-of-way as well as the Metolink right-of-way. As a result, staff believes it is going to require a new evaluation of the financial feasibility of the Orangeline.

There is a \$5 million commitment to the I-710 Tunnel with the 2006 STIP augmentation funds and an additional \$5 million ITIP funding that is committed to additional work that has to be done on technical feasibility. Also, \$2.4 million is earmarked with SAFETEA-LU dollars.

Hon. Alan Wapner informed the TCC that with its concurrence he would like to schedule a special meeting of the committee on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM, to specifically review the verbal and written comments that have been received by SCAG, listen to staff recommendations, and make a final recommendation to the Regional Council for the April meeting when the RTP comes up for adoption.

### 8.2 2008 RTP Growth Forecast

Hasan Ikhata, SCAG, stated that SCAG's member cities submit to staff a forecast which SCAG terms as a Local Input Forecast. The local input reflects how the cities expect to grow in the next 20-30 years. Five years ago SCAG was directed by the RC to start a program called Compass 2% Strategy. The programs goal is to fit the forecast with the best transportation infrastructure so the region enjoys

the transportation benefit. This forecast is called a Policy Forecast. Mr. Ikhrata explained the differences between the two forecasts. The RTP that was released in December used the Policy Forecast, not the Local Input Forecast. Since that time, many of SCAG's partners presented to staff some very legitimate questions as to the forecast staff used for its analysis.

Mr. Ikhrata informed the TCC that he hoped that the committee was committed to the principles and policies of the Compass 2% Strategy. What the State does in relation to AB-32, having this program for the region is a good thing because the region does not want to wait for the State to start telling the region how to run its affairs. Mr. Ikhrata recommended to the TCC that they put the Policy Forecast in the RTP, included clearly as an advisory forecast. As the region moves forward, it should then implement the Compass 2% Strategy. If there are substantial changes once the Compass is implemented, the region should then come back and amend the Local Input Forecast to reflect the change.

Hon. Alan Wapner requested that a joint meeting of the TCC and CEHD be scheduled at the next meeting on March 6 to discuss and give input to the staff on the Growth Forecast.

#### 8.3 Update on the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF)

Philip Law, SCAG, stated that the TCIF project nominations were due to the CTC on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Staff provided input on the air quality and mobility benefits of the proposed highway and grade separation projects in the region. Staff also helped conduct the air quality screening analysis. The CTC will be hearing public testimony at several locations throughout the state this month including MTA on February 19. At this hearing SCAG will be testifying on behalf of the air quality and regional benefits of the region's nominated projects.

With regards to total dollar amounts requested, the CTC had identified a statewide target amount of \$2.5-\$3 billion. The total statewide request came in at \$4.1 billion. For the L.A./Inland Empire Corridor, which includes the five counties in the region, there is a total of \$2.3 billion requested. This includes the \$74 million request from Caltrans for the Colton Crossing. Imperial County is included in the others corridor category. That request came in at \$107 million, with \$49.5 million for the Brawley bypass in Imperial County. The San Diego corridor at \$651 million and the San Francisco Bay Central Valley \$1.1 billion.

#### 8.4 2008 Regional Champion Awards

Chair Wapner stated the some e-mails had been received from the TCC members and staff had made some recommendations of potential nominees. The awards acknowledge individuals who perform exemplary service in the region. Candidates should not be elected officials or public servants performing their regular jobs. The Regional Champions will be celebrated at the 2008 General Assembly.

A sub-committee has been formed to bring back candidate recommendations to the TCC at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, at which time the committee will select a candidate/s.

#### **9.0 CHAIR'S REPORT**

Hon. Alan Wapner announced that he would call a special meeting of the TCC on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., at the SCAG office to discuss the RTP public comments. The meeting will be teleconferenced from the Riverside office and perhaps the OCTA office in Orange County. Chair Wapner requested that staff e-mail the comments to the TCC prior to the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No items

#### **11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**


SCAG's legislative department took a head count of what TCC members would be attending the National League of Cities and APTA conferences.

SCAG's Regional Transit Summit will take place on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Wilshire Grand Hotel from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

#### **12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The Hon. Alan Wapner adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

The next committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 6, 2008, at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.**

  
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Nareesh Amatya, Acting Manager  
Transportation Planning Division



**Transportation and Communications Committee Attendance Report**

**2008**

Member (including Ex-Officio) LastName, FirstName	Representing	X = County Represented						X = Attended					* No Meeting * NM = New Member						
		IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Adams, Steve	Riverside, WRCOG				X														
Aldinger, Jim	Manhattan Beach		X					X	X										
Ayala, Luis	Alhambra		X					X											
Baldwin, Harry	San Gabriel		X					X	X										
Bauman, John*	Brea			X				X	X										
Becerra, Glen*	Simi Valley		X					X	X										
Bone, Lou*	Tustin			X				X	X										
Brown, Art*	OCTA			X					X										
Buckley, Thomas*	Lake Elsinore				X			X											
Burke, Yvonne*	Los Angeles County		X					X	X										
Carroll, Stan	La Habra Heights		X					X	X										
Chastain, Kelly	SANBAG					X		X	X										
Chlebnik, John	WRCOG				X			X	X										
Dale, Lawrence*	Barstow					X		X											
Daniels, Gene*	Paramount		X						X										
Diels, Steve	Redondo Beach		X																
Dixon, Richard*	Lake Forest			X				X	X										
Dunlap, Judy*	Inglewood		X						X										
Edgar, Troy*	Los Alamitos		X						X										
Flickinger, Bonnie*	Moreno Valley				X														
Gabelich, Rae*	Long Beach		X						X										
Garcia, Lee Ann*	Grand Terrace				X			X	X										
Glaab, Paul*	Laguna Niguel			X															
Glancy, Thomas	VCOG						X	X	X										
Green, Cathy	OCCOG			X				X	X										
Gross, Carol	Culver City		X					X	X										
Gurule, Frank*	Cudahy		X					X	X										
Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods			X				X	X										
Hahn, Janice *	City of Los Angeles		X						X										
Hernandez, Robert	Anaheim			X				X	X										

Leon, Paul	SANBAG					X		X	X										
Lowe, Robin*	Hemet/RCTC				X			X	X										
Lowenthal, Bonnie	Long Beach		X					X	X										
Martinez, Sharon	Monterey Park		X						X										
Masiel, Andrew*	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians				X														
McLean, Marsha	Santa Clarita		X					X	X										
Messina, Barbara*	Alhambra		X					X	X										
Millhouse, Keith*	Moorpark						X		X										
Mills, Leroy	Cypress			X				X	X										
Nuaimi, Mark	SANBAG					X													
O'Connor, Pam*	Santa Monica		X					X											
Ovitt, Gary*	San Bernardino County					X			X										
Parks, Bernard*	Los Angeles		X																
Pettis, Gregory*	Cathedral City				X			X											
Quirk, Sharon	Fullerton		X						X										
Roberts, Ron*	Temecula				X				X										
Rutherford, Mark*	Westlake Village		X					X	X										
Smith, Greig*	Los Angeles		X					X											
Spence, David	La Canada Flintridge		X					X	X										
Stone, Jeffrey*	County of Riverside				X				X										
Sykes, Tom*	Walnut		X					X	X										
Ten, Mike - Vice Chair	South Pasadena		X					X	X										
Wapner, Alan* - Chair	Ontario					X		X	X										
Wilson, Michael	CVAG				X				X										
<b>Totals</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>												

\* Regional Council Member